

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 29 January 2013

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Department Operations Center
Rhode Island Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
John J. Barry III			X
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.	X		
John X. Donahue	X		
Joseph L. Dowling, MD			X
Roberta Feather, CNS, PhD, JD	X		
Wallace Gernt			X
Maria R. Gil (Secretary)	X		
Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		
Robert Hamel, RN			X
Theresa Jeremiah	X		
Amy Lapierre	X		
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.			X
Jeanette S. Matrone, RN, PhD			X
Daniel Orgel, MPA			X
Denise Panichas	X		
Robert Ricci			X
Reverend Shire (Vice-Chair)	X		
Robert Whiteside		X	

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, Edward D'Arezzo, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Benjamin Kopple, Esq., Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Stephen Morris, Esq., Raymond Rusin

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability.

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 13 November 2012 were adopted as submitted. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made and passed by a vote of

eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Donahue, Gil, Graziano, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Matrone, Panichas, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the expeditious review request of **Pentec Health, Inc.** [Pentec Healthcare Infusions, Inc.] to establish a Home Nursing Care agency to provide services solely to patients with intrathecal pumps. Staff reviewed a memo prepared regarding expeditious review process. Staff noted that in order for the Health Services Council to recommend expeditious review to the Director of Health, it needs a two thirds affirmative vote of the members present at the time of the vote.

The applicant and its legal counsel made a presentation.

A motion was made by Sen. Graziano and seconded by Ms. Lapierre to recommend approval of the expeditious review request. The results of the vote were six in favor and five opposed (6-5). Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Gil, Graziano, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Shire. Those members opposed included: Coia, Donahue, Feather, Lonardo, Panichas. The motion failed to receive the necessary two thirds vote.

The next item on the agenda was failure to implement review regarding the 2 February 2000 state agency decision approving the Certificate of Need application of **Cortland Place Health Center, Inc.** to establish a 6-bed nursing facility in Greenville through the conversion of 6 residential care/assisted living beds to 6 nursing facility beds. Staff reviewed a memo prepared regarding failure to implement process.

The applicant and its legal counsel made a presentation.

A motion was made by Ms. Lapierre that the Certificate of Need approval of Cortland Place be withdrawn. Ms. Lapierre provided the following rationale along with the motion: that the project has not been implemented within one year of approval nor thirteen years later and that progress reports have not been submitted and further noted that the action on this matter should be made at this meeting, that even if this matter were to get remanded to a project review committee (for further consideration), this CON is old, the dollars don't make sense, the funding doesn't make sense, so much would have to be updated, that this really should be a new CON to justify pursuant to the criteria. The motion was seconded by Dr. Feather. The motion passed by a vote of seven in favor and four opposed (7-4). Those members voting in favor included: Donahue, Feather, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Panichas, Shire. Those members opposed included: Almeida, Coia, Gil, Graziano.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by the Office of Health Systems Development on the: *Hospital Conversion and Change in Effective Control processes.*

Staff made the presentation and answered questions.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Valentina D. Adamova". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline.

Valentina D. Adamova, MBA
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